

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method for producing pharmaceuticals or parts of pharmaceuticals or food supplements or parts thereof, comprising:

~~by~~ coating substrates with a film-forming coating agent comprising a pigment,

wherein ~~where~~ the film-forming coating agent is a (meth)acrylate copolymer having cationic or anionic groups,

wherein ~~characterized in that~~

the film-forming coating agent and the pigment are initially present separate from one another as liquid, sprayable, incompatible individual portions in the form of a solution, suspension or dispersion, and

are sprayed simultaneously by spray application by ~~means of~~ one or more spray devices which ~~are capable of separate spraying of~~ separately spray liquids, singly or together, and their spray beams overlap,

in such a way that the incompatible individual portions are mixed during the spraying process, impinge on the substrate and form thereon, after evaporation of the liquid, a uniformly pigmented film coating, resulting in the pharmaceuticals or the parts of the pharmaceuticals or the food supplements or the parts thereof.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 30 to 80% by weight free-radical polymerized C₁ to C₄ alkyl esters of acrylic or methacrylic acid and 70 to 20% by weight (meth)acrylate monomers having a tertiary amino group in the alkyl radical.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the (meth)acrylate copolymer consists of 40 to 60% by weight methacrylic acid and 60 to 40% by weight methyl methacrylate or 60 to 40% by weight ethyl acrylate.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 3~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the substrates are selected from the group consisting of active ingredient crystals, active ingredient-containing cores, tablets, granules, pellets ~~or~~ and capsules.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 4~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is an aluminum pigment.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 5~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the pigment incompatible with the coating agent is selected from the group consisting of orange yellow S (E110, C.I. 15985, FD&C Yellow 6), indigo carmine (E132, C.I. 73015, FD&C Blue 2), tartrazine (E 102, C.I. 19140, FD&C Yellow 5), Ponceau 4R (E 125, C.I. 16255, FD&C Cochineal Red A), quinoline yellow (E 104, C.I. 47005, FD&C Yellow 10), erythrosine (E127, C.I. 45430, FD&C Red 3), azorubine (E 122, C.I. 14720, FD&C Carmoisine), amaranth (E 123, C.I. 16185, FD&C Red 2), and acid brilliant green (E 142, C.I. 44090, FD&C Green S).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 1 ~~or 6~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the one or more spray devices comprises two or more two-fluid nozzles or one or more three-fluid nozzles ~~are employed as spray device~~.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spray application takes place in a drum coater, a coating pan, a fluidized bed apparatus or a spray sifter.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The method ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spray application takes place by ~~means of~~ spray devices as fixed installation.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~which can be produced by a method as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9~~ according to claim 1.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~which can be produced by a method as claimed in~~ according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that it is~~ wherein the pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof are in the form of tablets, granules, pellets, capsules, sachets and powders for reconstitution.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 10 ~~or 11~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a sealing layer is present between the coating and the substrate.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The pigmented pharmaceutical or food supplement or parts thereof ~~as claimed in~~ according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing layer consists of a neutral polymer.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A drum coater, coating pan, fluidized bed apparatus or spray sifter suitable for carrying out a method ~~as claimed in one or more of claims 1 to 9~~ according to claim 1, comprising one or more three-fluid nozzles as spray device wherein the one or more spray devices comprises one or more three-fluid nozzles.

Claim 15 (Canceled).